



South Dakota College Application Week

Parent Checklist: May

The exciting (and nerve-wracking) part of the college application process is mostly over. Now, it's time for you and your student to tackle some of the details – filling out paperwork, making decisions about budget and expenses, and sending thank you notes. If you have any questions about the paperwork that the college sends, please don't hesitate to ask for help. We're here to support both you and your student in the transition to college!

- Study for (and take) tests.**
 - Your student might have AP Exams and/or placements tests for their college. Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and healthy breakfast on the day of the test.
- Fill out those forms.**
 - Colleges send a lot of information that requires forms to be returned by a certain deadline. Help your student review the information and return them on time. Forms may include accepting financial aid, loan paperwork, housing and meal plans, and orientation and class registration.
- Say thank you.**
 - Encourage your student to send thank you notes to anyone who has helped her/him through the college application process: counselors, teachers, coaches, scholarship providers, etc.
- Start thinking ahead.**
 - Help your student create a budget as well as a way to track expenses, explore support services, and make a packing list. There's often information specifically for parents available on college websites too.

This month's conversation starter: "What are you most excited about in college? What are you most nervous about?"